SEEKING PARTY HARMONY. SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE CON-

The President Frankly Tells the Committee That He Favors the House Puerto Rico Tariff Bill and Desires Its Passage-As to the Reciprocity Treaties He Says That Their Fate Is Now Left to the Senate.

FER WITH THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, March 7. - Today's early adjournment of the Senate, owing to Representative Harmer, "the Father of the House," afforded the Steering Committee an opportunity to hold their first session, and it was a most important one. The unsatisfactory situation with regard to the various pending ques-tions that have caused the leaders so much disquietude was talked over and a sub-committee, composed of Senators Hanna, Aldrich and Spooner, were delegated to consult with the President with a view to harmonious action between the Executive and the Senate. The joint conference took place at the White House and was protracted until nearly midnight.

It was the sentiment of the Steering Committee that as a matter of policy it would not do for the Republicans to change front on the Puerto Rican question now, and that therefore the provision for a tariff of 15 per cent of the Dingley law rates, as passed by the House and incorporated in the pending Puerto Rican bill, ought to stand. It was agreed, however, in view of the conflicting views of Senators and of the strong free trade sentiment in various parts of the country to let the discussion run for some time before calling a caucus to decide upon united party action. Whether the Steering Committee's views are to be upheld by the caucus or a policy of free trade with Puerto Rico adopted remains to be seen.

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The meeting of the Steering Committee was a result of the general conviction among the leaders that something should be done at once to harmonize the differences among the Republicans regarding several of the more important matters now before the Senate, differences which in their opinion seriously threaten the success of the campaign upon which the party is about to enter.

The seriousness of the situation resulting from the efforts of the Administration the ratification of the secure Treaty was strongly impressed the principal defects in the leagues the principal defects in the treaty as he saw them, and gave his reasons for thinking that its ratification would seriously imperil the chances of Republican success next fall. The committee, after careful deliberation, was led to approve the course of the Finance Committee in seeking to secure control of the treaty. The members of the committee were of the opinion that there was good reason to hope that the motion now pending in executive session of the disease there is positive. tion now pending in executive session to refer the French Treaty to the Finance Committee would carry and that ratification would be prevented. The leaders will not rest satisfied, however, without further knowledge and to obtain this Senator Aldrich te making a careful canvass of the Senate. The Republican leader is also sounding his fellow

before the Senate. of the Senate, had changed his mind regarding the status of that question. could not displace the unfinished business, the ment for us in the Philippines," he said, Puerto Rican bill, and therefore could be dispostporing indefinitely a vote upon the question of Quay's title to a sent.

At the White House conference the Puerto Rican question and the reciprocity treaties grounds were fully and freely discussed. The President frankly told the Senators that he was satisfied from fuller information and more mature reflection that the recommendations of his annual message for free trade with Puerto Rico were til advised. and that he is now earnestly in favor of the enactment of the House bill providing for a tariff of 15 per cent, of the Dingley law rates. The people of the country will soon come to see the matter in the same light as he does, the President said, and they would as frankly admit that a duty is better for the Puerto Ricans than free trade.

The three Senators representing the Steer

ing Committee then brought up the question of the reciprocity treaties, and expressed the opinion that their ratification might result in Republican defeat at the polls, and they impressed upon the I resident the importance of defeating them. Senator Aldrich pointed out to the President in detail the one-sided nature of the French reciprocity treaty, the only one yet reported to the Senate, and how it would injuriously affect interests that looked the Republican party for protechimself with saying that the responsibility for the ratification or defeat of the treaties rested now with the Senate. Mr. Aldrich referred to the fact that Robert l'orter, who is employed by the Government as a tariff expert or commissioner. has been busy at the Senate lately urging the ratification of the treaty and representing himself to be the agent of the President. Mr. McKinley defended Mr. Porter's right to do this, but Mr. Aldrich plainly said that in his opinion it was wrong for an executive agent to attempt to influence the action of the legislative branch of the Government, and in this opin on his colleagues concurred.

The Senators left the White House without any assurance that Mr. Porter's work be discontinued. They are confident, however, that the treaty cannot command the two-thirds vote necessary to ratification, and they do not believe that the President will carry his support of the treaty to the extent of favoring its ratification by the aid of Demogratic votes

SIMON STERNE TAKEN HOME ILL.

An Attack Resembling Vertigo in His Law Office Downtown.

Simon Sterne had an attack resembling vertigo yesterday in his law office at 56 Beaver street. A cab took him to his home in the Hofman Arms, Fifty-ninth street and Madison avenue, where it was said last night that Mr. Sterne's condition was unchanged. The informant refused to say whether the condition was serious or not.

Met a Burning Ship at Sea.

PHILADELP IA, March 7.-Capt. Doxrud. commanding and American Line steamship commanding.—American Line steamship libynland, which arrived at her dock late last night from Liverpeol and Queenstown, brought news of the destruction at sea by fire of the Norwegian ship Solheim. The fare of the twenty-seven men of the vessel's crew is not known. Capt. Doxrud went as close to the burning crait as the heat would permit, and sounded the steam whistle repeatedly. It was on the evening of Feb. 27, 1,200 miles west of the Fistnet Rocks, that the flames of the burning vessel were sighted twelve miles to the westward.

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PLAGUE SCARE IN SAN FRANCISCO. uspicious Symptom in Chinaman's Death

-Cordon Around Chinese Quarter. SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.- The Board of Heaith announced late last night that a case of ubonic plague had been discovered in Chinatown and called on the Chief of Police to put a blockade on the Chinese quarter. This vas done. A cordon was placed around the building in which the Chinaman died and no one was allowed to leave the quarter or enter The result was that many cooks were missing from hotels, restaurants and private houses

this morning. The street car lines which intersect Chinatown were stopped. The Chinaman who died showed the swellings of the glands in the groin, but these swellings did not differ materially from those found in other cases of suspects found to have found in other cases of suspects found to have died of other diseases. He had lived here for some time. The bacteriologist of the fiealth Board declares that it will take twenty-four hours or more to determine whether this is really a case of bubonic plague. Meanwhile all the business of Chinatown with the rest of the city is suspended, but many Chinese escaped through secret exits so that the plan of a complete quarantine was defeated.

The best experts who have had experience with the plague do not believe that this is a genuine case. The conditions here are all against its spread throughout the city, but it would probably find many cases in Chinatown, where the authorities have never been able to enforce sanitary regulations for any length of time.

Wishungton March 7 Suggeon General

PLAGUE ON SHIP FROM THE EAST? correspondent, in which he said that he had

Cases Said to Have Been Discovered at the

Quarantine Station on Puget Sound. VICTORIA, B. C., March 7 .- One of the deaths on the steamer Nanyo Maru, held in quarantine at the Diamond Head station, ten miles from Port Townsend and seventy miles from here, is believed to have been caused by bu-

bonic plague. The steamer arrived on Jan. 30 from Honoupon the committee by Senator | Julu, where she had landed plantation emi-Aldrich. The latter pointed out to his col- grants from Japan. The steamer was very dirty and disease broke out which was thought

CARDINAL GIBBONS EXPANSIONIST.

He Also Favors Free Trade With Puerto Rico-Reasons for His Views. CHICAGO, March 7 .- Cardinal Gibbons discussed the attitude of the Catholic Church members on the other more important matters | toward American control in the Philippines. Puerto Rico and Cuba, to-day at the Auditorium As to the Quay case, assurances were given Annex. The Cardinal believes it wise and the meeting of the Steering Committee proper to retain the Philippines and he favors that Senstor Frye, the President pro tempore free trade between the United States and

"I think the Government which we enjoy and was now disposed to decide that it in the United States is the best govern-Catholies do not ask any special protection or cussed only during the morning hour. These privileges. All that we ask is a fair field and assurances have inspired the anti-Quay men | no favor. This, I believe, we will enjoy under with new confidence that they can succeed in American Government in the Philippines as well as elsewhere. The dovernment shows every inclination to hold the new possessions and I know of no objection to that course among people of my religion on religious

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Fuerto kiean tariif measure. It seems that the welfare of our new hose-sistos andities with some of the commercial interests of our hone Stales. That is where the shoe pinches. Commercial interests, of course, are important and many such issues have been raised by the acquirement of our new possessions. I cannot see that free trade between the United Stales and I uerto Rico could seriously affect the interests of the sugar and tobacco growers.

"Puerto Rico is but a small island and under the conditions of its acquirement should be treated with generosity. I suppose the sugar and tobacco interests fear that the precedent established in regard to Puerto Rico might be extended to Cuba and the Philippines, but Puerto Rico occupies different relations toward the Government from those of the other islands. There is much opposition in the East as well as in the West to a tariff on Puerto Rican products. The commercial interests raised by the acquirement of our new possessions will have a strong influence on our politics and the issues invoived are just now beginning to appear before the people."

The Cardinal is on his way to Dubuque to assist at the funeral of Archbishop Hennesy and stopped at Chicago for a few hours to rest.

RECEIVERS FOR MENHADEN TRUST. The Fish Fled to Texas, Which Is an Anti-

Trust State - Pursued Thither. The menhaden catch along the Atlantic Coast has been very poor for two seasons and the Menhaden Trust, as the American Fisheries Company is called, has gone into the hands of receivers, Charles B. Hobbs and Thomas Russell. The receivers were appointed in the Chancery Court of New Jersey. The company was organized in 1898 with a capital of \$2,000 .-000 preferred and \$8,000,000 common stock to acquire the factories, steamships and other property owned by the various menhaden interests in the Northern States. The preferred stock was paid up, while the common teprasents patents for the manufacture of fish

sents patents for the manufacture of fish phosphates.

Receiver Hobbs, who is of the law firm of Gifford, Stearns & Hobbs, said yesterday:

For two seasons the catch has been exceedingly small and the company has not been able to prove the value of the patents ecquired, It was, therefore, deemed essential by the management that the company be reorganized on a different basis of capitalization, and arrangements have been practically made to that end. There has been money in the manale business in seasons when the catch was good. The company employed investigators at a large expense to endeavor to find out where the fish had gone to. One man was sent to South America and there was also an investigation along the Facilic Coast. The menhaden were finally located in the Guif of Mexico mong the Texas coast and one factory has been established by the company in Texas. lished by the company in Texa

President Angell's Wife Ill Here. Mrs. James B. Angell, wife of the President of the University of Michigan, is ill at a boarding house at 114 E. Thirty-first street. Mrs. Angell came to town on Saturday night. Soon after her arrival she had an attack of an aponlectic nature and she is now in the hands of trained nurses. Fresident Angell was telegraphed for and came on from Ann Harbor, arriving vesterday. At Mrs. Angell's address it was said last night that she was not dengerously if

State Hospital for Consumptives Urged. A number of physicians and others interested the bill to establish a State hospital for the treatment of incipient pulmonary tuberculosis in the Adirondacks, met last evening in the United Charities building. Representatives from nearly all the hospitals and medical societies were present. Resolutions were adopted urging the Legislature to pass the bill now before it appropriating \$200,000 for the establishment of the hospital.

dangerously ill.

A TALK FROM JAS. R. KEENE

DENIAL THAT HE HAD A HAND IN B. R. T. RUMOR-MONGERING

Or Lost Money on Third Avenue Stock-Saw That It Was a Gold Brick and Got Rid of It the Day After He Got It-All He Knows About Davis-Doesu't Know Goslin

James R. Keene announced about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon that he would give out a typewritten statement of his relations with and knowledge of the men indicted by the special Grand Jury in the B. R. T. case. He received the reporters in a narrow outer office which contained three or four chairs and a desk. Mr. Keene walked up and down this | knowledge of his possessions. narrow office smoking and talking. Hardly for a moment in four or more hours did he sit

Mr. Keene spoke of his relations with newspaper men, to repeated kindnesses to some of them in the nature of "tips" on the market. and of his carrying stocks for them when they had a good thing but did not have the wherewithal to make the most profitable use of their knowledge. Davis he instanced as one who favors.

"Now, you young men cause more trouble and heartbreaks in this world than any others I know of," he said. "Do you know how heartbreaking it is to wake up in the morning and the papers? Why, it makes a man's heart almost break in two. I know that fore you published it and learned the other | noxious law will then be made. side of the matter, you would save many a heartache and would publish more truthful articles. There is a very clever Wall street writer whom I never met but whose articles I used to read a deal. One day he sent an article to the Boston paper of which he was seen the insolvency papers for James R. Keene all drawn up ready to sign. A friend of mine sent me a copy of the paper. The article said that I had been caught in sugar-that I had been caught a a squeeze with an enormous number of shares. The market was then about 110 or 112

shares. The market was then about 110 or 112 and I had about 40,000 shares. Between buying and selling on the varying quotations I got rid of what I had with a loss of a few thousand dollars, yet this man said that he had seen the papers prepared for my insolvency. I wrote to the editor and found that he was a gentleman. He said he was very sorry and offered to print a retraction every day for six weeks. He said he didn't want to lose his Wail street correspondent, though, and I did not maist.

Another remark of Mr. Keene's was that new-paper men would probably not come to him for any more favors. Whitney and Brady were the men they would go to. They are always willing to pay for the publishing of less," said he. It was 8:30 ociock when Mr. Keene's formal statement was ready. He had about finished when Edward Lauterbach looked in and this led Mr. Keene to speak of his experience with Third Avenue slock. As soon as he got hold of the Third Avenue stock, he said, he saw that he had got a got! the kad lost no money on the stock, he got it. He had lost no money on the stock, he got it. This was the formal statement about B. k. T. that he dictated:

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eaid. This was the formal statement about B. R. I, that he diciated:

"My first know edge of Charles T. Davis was some time in July or August of last year. I had never seen him before that time, nor ever heard of him. Of the other men who were indeted with him by the Special Grand Jury, viz., Aifred R. Goslin, Eugene L. Packer, Harry J. Alexander, Warner T. Allen and Bogert, I had never heard their names before today; I never know them, nor had communication with them, directly or indirectly, through any human agency. Davis was the editor of a small financial paper in Wail Street Heries. He was also represented to me as having been a Government employed in a responsible position and the auther of some works upon the statistics of the export and manufacture of leather, which is that trade maie him an authority on the sub-ject. I held 50,000 shares of the preferred some works upon the statistics of the export and manufacture of leather, which in that trade male him an authority on the subject. I held 50.0% shares of the preferred stock of the Leather Company at that time, and desired some statistical lacts in regard to manufacturing profits, which I had failed to obtain from the sompany in which I had my interests. I someth him the refere to explain an least and highly to mean the destred information, which set at me the destred information of over \$1,000 and subsequently gave him at his request \$1,000 have in c. spensation for this privice. With the latt destend which this lightly gave him, and the first duction which this lightly gave him, and the first duction which this lightly gave him, and the first duction which this lightly gave him, and the first duction which this lightly gave him a credential to respectability. he alterward, at various times, bought and editor of a paper, which may view gave him a credential to respectability. he alterward, at various times, bought and soil one or two amount a supress of stock, through Taibot J. Taylor & Co. to enable him, as he stated it to meet the necessities of his paper, which was struggling for existence, as new salest have to struggle. The aggregate of those transactions running from July or August, 1849, until Dec. 22, dill not exceed 3,000 shares of stock; only 200 shares of which were B. R. T., and in the ramsaction of them there was no loss but a profit. Devis during this interval, called at my office frequently, and I regarded him as a straightforward man. He brought with him on many occasions gatilemen who represented lirge tanning interests in various parts of the country, and these ming cordinately of their intercourse of stock the first manufacturity and to the him with

a presented himself in the hallway of my flee and implored me to sell 400 shares of irooklyn Rapid Transit for him, which was wo days after the B. R. T. receivership rumors and hean about the Street. Thinking that I had noted hastily in covering his stock and lestroying the possibility of his making a roll. I, ha view of the circumstances, connented to do it, at the same time strongly livising him against it and telling him that n my opinion the stock was not a sale at the rice. I know nothing of the facts upon which the Grand Jury may have determined their etion. As far as Mr. Davis is concerned know nothing against him at all, and would be sorry to add anything to he misery of his situation. All I desire as any is that as far as I am concerned no upon heing ives who has ever hal a suggestor, from me, to speak or print or disseminate nothing in respect of the securities of the irooklyn Rapid Transit or of any other finance corporation. The reason for making this satement is that an interview appeared this ionning, purporting to be what Mr. Davis told preporter respecting this matter."

As a parting shot Mr. Keene said:

Don't waste any pity on me—don't do it. I con't waste any pity on me—don't do it. I con't need it."

PHILADELPHIA, March 7 - The business part of the city, for the third time in less than three months, was the seene to-day of a serious fire it destroyed property to the value of \$700,000. The flames started in the boiler room of the epartment store of Shoneman Brothers, 116, 118, 120 and 122 North Eighth street, which with the building connected on Cherry street, with the building connected on Cherry street, was entirely destroyed, as was also the Heath building, 816 to 82c Cherry street. Several other buildings on Eighth and Cherry streets, among them the storelouse of Marks Brothers, was burned out and Marks Brothers' store at the northeast corner Eighth and Arch streets with some other buildings was damaged by flames and water. The heaviest losses were Marks Brothers, \$215,000; Shoneman Brothers, \$300,000; Heath building, \$200,000.

VIRGINIA AGAINST A DRASTIC LAW, Enactment Which Authorizes Examination of Private Papers Causes a Storm

NORFOLK, Va., March 7 .- A storm of indignation has arisen here against an act passed by the Virginia Legislature just before it adjourned. Gov. Tyler, who signed the bill, shares with the Democratic Legislators who passed it the disapprobation of press and people. The measure, known as the Valuation law, provides for the appointment in each of the several cities or districts of the State of a Commissioner of valuation who shall have the right to inspect every man's private books and papers in order to ascertain the value of his personal property and the extent of his income. The Commissioner is also empowered to compel a man's neighbors to testify as to their

The Commissioners who will receive onetwentieth of 1 per cent, of all property listed by them for taxation will receive high compensation. The Norfolk job is expected to pay \$10,000 or more yearly. The bill was railroaded through by a majority of 21 votes and was signed by Gov. Tyler in defiance of the protest of twenty-five Senators and a flood of petitions arriving by telegraph. To-day the appointment of W. W. Sale of the Governor's had returned with black ingratitude such staff to be Commissioner at Norfolk is announced. The press and people of this region, without

clans believe that its enforcement will imperil read these awful things about yourself in their party's supremacy in the State. The law is believed by many to be unconstitutional and if so declared will deprive the State of its revenue if I were weak, which I am not, it would from the taxation upon personal property until have hert me, but I don't care. The trouble is another law is enacted. The Legislature, howout whether some piece of news was true be- sion in June and an effort to repeal the ob-

regard to party, denounce the measure as in-

quisitorial and drastic, and Democratic politi-

ANOTHER KENTUCKY SHOOTING. Mountain Detective Drake and a Friend

Killed in a Dispute About a Cow. TORRENT, Ky., March 7.-George W. Drake. the mountain detective and Deputy United States Marshal, who has brought so many criminals to justice, and his friend James Ford were shot and killed in a pistol duel six miles from here last night. Drake and Ford had bought a cow of Will St. John, a twenty-fouryear-old "boy," as he was called, and they had not paid all of the purchase money. Yesterday the men were at their usual work, looking after timber land. They met at a "blind tiger" near Bloomfield, where mountain whiskey exclusively is sold. Drake and Ford drank heavily and when St. John came to the place in the afternoon he asked them for the balance they

owed him on the cow. Drake tried to make him take back his request for money, telling him that it was useless to ask for money. They threatened St. John and told him to withdraw his request, but the young man paid no attention to them. Finally Drake and Ford grew so overbearing toward him that St. John left and went to his home about a hair-mile from the "blind tiger" He quickly returned carrying two revolvers and as soon as he got within shooting distance he opened fire on Drake and Ford. They returned the fire and for several minutes the battle presented. Drake and West. opened fire on Drake and Ford. They returned the fire and for several minutes the battle proceeded. Drake and Ford were so drunk their alm was unsteady and they failed to hit St. John, who finally shot. Drake through the head and he fell dead. As he fell Ford turned to run when a bullet struck him in the spine and he fell and expired within a few minutes. Drake was for many years a special officer on the Lexington and Eastern trains to keep the rough mountaineers from frightening passengers with their pistols. He was afterward Deputy United States Marshal and in that capacity ran down many violators of the law. He was about 40 and leaves a wife and family of small children.

FRANCHISE TAX FOR JERSEY.

-Doings of the Legislature. TRENTON, N. J., March 7 .- The most important bill of the sess on was introduced in the Legislature to-day by Speaker Jones through Assemblyman Foote. It imposes a franchise tax upon persons and corporations having muriginal fragehises. Their property is to be assessed locally as heretofore an ! in addition a tex of 2 per cent. is to be in osed annually upon gross receipts. A return of such receipts must be made annually to the State Board of easor, but the tax is to be collected locally. where money is now paid to local governments for franchise privileges the amount to paid is to be credited on the tax, but if the amount now raid is greater than the tax apportioned the excess must continue to be paid. This bill is the outcome of a recommendation of the Voorbees on the subject and applies to

The Sills who obsoled of a recommendation of The Voorbees on the subject and applies to all corporations using the streets.

The bin to reduce the legal rate of interest in New Jersey to 5 per cent, was killed in the Assembly, the vote on it being 10 in the affirmative to 41 in the negative.

Mr. Wakelee, chairman of the Assembly Judiciarry Committee, reported adversely Mr. Benny's bill abolishing capital punishment and also his till giving juries power to say in raurder cases whether the punishment on conviction shall be death or imprisonment for life. The Assembly sustained the adverse reports by an almost unanimous vote.

Mr. Kirkbride introduced a bill enabling the city of Asbury Park to purchase from Founder Bradley the ocean front of the resort. The act provides that the people of the city shall vote on the question.

POLICEMEN HEROES OF THIS FIRE.

Plucky Rescue by Say and Hannon of a

Panic-Stricken Woman. Three persons were severely burned in a fire in a four-story brick tenement house at 1368 Third avenue at 7 o'clock last night. Morris Franklin, a dealer in furs, occupies the ground floor and has living apartments on the second floor. The fire started in one of his rooms, in which a lot of old costumes were stored. Mrs. Franklin and her two children were in the rooms. She carried one out in safety, but left the other behind. Policemen Hannon left the other behind. Policemen Hannon and Say of the East Sixty-seventh street station took the other child out safely. Hannon then went to the fourth floor, which is occupied by Mrs. J. B. Sweeney and Miss Margaret Harrington. Mrs. Sweeney had escaped, but Miss Harrington was running about panicstricken. The flames cut off Hannon's retrent, so the went out on a rear fire escare with Miss Harrington and waited there until Policeman Say appeared on the rear fire escape of the adjoining touiding. Hannon passed Miss Harrington over to Say and then swung himself over on to the other fire escape. Siss Harrington was burned about the face and hands and was removed to the Presbyterian Hospital. Hannon was also badly burned, but refused to go to the hospital, and Police Capt. Bresent him home in a cab. The other per burned was Insurance Patrolman James the was insurance Patrolman James Cur-t, who was passing the building when the e was disc vered, and ran inside because he and there were some women who had been able to get out. His hands were burned, dafter treatment by an ambulance surgeon went home.

TWO KILLED BY FALLING PIPE.

Bundle Containing the Iron Propped From Department Store Elevator. The General Fire Extinguishing Company of 45 Cedar street made a contract a few days ago to supply the department store of H. C. F. Koch in 125th street with fire extinguishers. Yesterday afternoon their workmen started to take the material into the building. It coneisted for the most part of pieces of three-inch pipe about six feet long placed in hundles of thirteen or fourteen. These bundles were placed on the elevator, in charge of Adolph Businan of 24° Lenox avenue.

While one trip was being made a bundle of pipes fell from the elevator out of one of the ventilating windows of the elevator shaft that overlooks 124th street. The bundle fell upon Walter Walsh, 20 years old, of 151 Brook avenue and George Connors of 795 East 138th street, both employed by the fire extinguishing company. The men were taken to the J. Hood Wright Hospital, where Walsh died an hour after being admitted and Connors died a few minutes later.

The police of the West 125th street station decided that the falling of the pipe was due to an accident and did not make any arrests. pipe about six feet long placed in bundles of

FRANCE WATCHES ENGLAND

READY, A DIPLOMAT SAYS, FOR ANY WARLIKE MOVI.

The Prebability of Trouble Discussed in Offielal Circles-Every Step Taken by Engund is Met With a Precautionary Step by France-Colonial Defence Plans. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

PARIS. March 7 .- The correspondent of THE Sun learns that extreme tension exists in the Anglo-French relations, and that French official circles are considering the probability of

An important official who possesses the confidence of the Ministry told THE SUN correspondent to-day that it would be useless to longer deny the fact that Great Britain aims at attacking France. He added that it had been evident for some time that the English press was obeying instructions in making the most of every triffing offence given by the French press, while ignoring graver insults from the press of other countries.

Moreover, all of Great Britain's late preparations are known to be solely directed against France. Every step that England has taken has been met with a corresponding precautionary step by France.

It was not weakness that made the French yield in the Fashoda dispute, but moderation, though apparently all moderation was wasted in England's present temper. France is now prepared and ready to resist British aggres-

The correspondent of THE SUN remarked that these were somewhat startling statements, and added that he did not wish to cable anything that was likely to produce bad blood. The diplomatist, in reply, said:

"I have put the case none too strong. Remember, we do not wish for war, but England's disposition is too evident to be misunderstood Consequently we have made all the necessary precautions to avoid being taken at a disad-

"Stores and ammunition have been accumu lated in the colonies in sufficient quantities to enable them, though isolated, to maintain a long campaign. There are 30,000 white troops in Tonquin and 50,000 in Algeria under Gen Gallieni, who will be able to deal with any expedition England may send against them. In Madagascar there are nearly 10,000 troops and more will be sent there shortly. These will occupy strategic positions, from which the whole British army will be unable to move them. Everything is ready and we can now fold our arms awaiting England's first move." THE SUN's representative again said that he hesitated to send news of this character, lest it prove mischievous, whereupon the official

auswered: "We do not mind the publication of the fact that, realizing England's public opinion, we have taken every precaution, and are now quite prepared to meet her hostility. The publication will do more good than harm. English opinion has misunderstood French moderation. and you had better acquaint it with the true state of the case.

"The French fleet possesses safe refuges, from which, opportunities offering, it will be able to cover movements against England's weak points, which are perfectly known, should war be declared. Stranger things have hanpened than seeing the tricolor in London and

"Remember, however, that we do not wish

for war unless it is forced on us." DANGEROUS FRENCH INTRIGUE.

German View of the Machinations of M.

Special Cable Dematch to THE SUN. BETLIN, March 7.- The Cologne Gazette tocalls the "dangerous machinations" of M. Deschanel, President of the French Chamber of Deputies, It says that, judging by his ferocious anti-German speeches, M. Deschanel is en-

ceavoring to undermine the French Ministry and to procure the fall of President Loubet. Deschanel, according to the writer of the article, pursues with indomitable energy the Chauvinist idea of outting Germany loose from the Triple Alliance and effecting a rapproche ment with Russia and Italy on the one hand and Great Britain on the other. According to the writer, the next move in this programme would be for France to attempt to reconquer Alsace-Lorraine with the active aid of Russia. while Austria, Italy and Great Britain would assume a neutral attitude.

The Gazette states that the relations of France and Germany at the present time are most amicable.

WONT TELL DONOR'S NAME. Helen Gould Said to Have Given \$100,000 to the Hall of Fame.

It was stated yesterday that the person who had given \$100,000 to the New York University for the erection of a "Hall of Fame for Great Americans" was Miss Helen M. Gould. When Miss Gould was asked about the report she refused to deny or affirm it, and referred her questioners to Chancellor MacCracken of the university, but he, too, declined to tell the name of the donor. In the chapel of the university yesterday morning Dr. MacCracken in-

Pant Americans to be placed in the 'Hall of Fame.'
McKim, Mead & White are the architects of Fame. McKim, Mead & White are the architects of the new building, the contract for which has already been awarded to John J. Tucker. It provides for the erection of 150 nanels, each two feet by eight, in the colonnade. Fifty names will be inscribed in 1500, if that number is approved. The public are invited to send in nominations up to May 1. One of the rules for the selection is that "no name may be inscribed except of a rerson born in what is now the territory of the United States, and of a person who has been deceased at least ten venrs." Chancellor MacCracken said last ten venrs, the name of John Harvar! would be the first and that of Samuel J. Tilden the second to be inscribed upon panels. There has been no discussion as to the placing of Jar Gould's name on a panel. The work of building will begin in ten asys, and it is expected that the hall will be completed by next fall.

THE CANAL TREATY.

Special Meeting of the Senate Committee on Friday to Consider It. WASHINGTON, March 7 .- The Hay-Pauncefote Treaty was reported to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee at its meeting this morn-

ing by the sub-committee o which it was referred. The sub-committee made no recommendation, but submitted a report drawn by Senator Morgan of Alabama, one of its members, giving an exhaustive review of the canal question and the history and status of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty. The report was taken up at the meeting of the full committee to-day, but no conclusion was reached upon it, and no action was taken upon the treaty. A special meeting of the committee has been called for Friday morning for the further consideration of the treaty. sideration of the treaty.

Artesian Well in 125th Street. On account of the bad condition of Croton

water, the Pabet Company have decided to sink an artesian well in front of their new cafe and concert hall at 248 West 125th street. Drillers began yesterday to sink pines through the middle of the sidewalk in front of the place.

California Excursions.

Daily excursions in tourist cars. Personally conducted tours every Thursday. The Chicago, Union Pacific and North-Weatern Line operates two magnificent trains daily Superbequipment, Quickest time. Lowest rates. Sleeping car reservations and information at North-Western Line Office, 461 Broadway.—

PROF. E. J. PHELPS SINKING. His Physicians Say That Hope of Recovery

Must Be Given Up. NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 7.-It was said tonight by Dr. Charles J. Foote, who is attending Prof. Edward J. Pholos, who is critically ill from the effects of pneumonia, that the professor could not live many days longer. It is the first time that the physician in the case has given up hope of recovery. Dr. Foote has given up hope of recovery. Dr. Foote added that Prof. Phelps was gradually sinking and that his vitality was very nearly exhausted. Prof. Phelps, who was Minister to England from this country during President Cleveland's first term, has been ill of pneumonia for nearly two months. His condition was improved so much two weeks ago that his family and his physician thought he would recover completely from his illness. But soon after an abcess formed on one of the lungs and since then the patient has been growing weaker.

NO NEW POST OFFICE THIS YEAR. House Committee Evidently Will Not Make

an Exception in Favor of New York. WASHINGTON, March 7 .- Although the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has had no meeting for the consideration of a bill providing a new Post Office for New York, it is the general impression of the members of the committee that the necessities of the New York situation are not sufficient to cause the committee to depart from the policy announced at the beginning of the session, not to present any bills for public buildings at this session. It was hoped by those in layor of the new Post Office for New York that owing to the great need for such a building, an exception might be made in the case of that city. To make an exception of New York, however, would be to offend all those other cities who believe their cases as urgent as that of New York, and an attempt to pass such a bill would subject the committee to infinite annoyance and the bill might ultimately be defeated. One thing which prevents the reporting of a Post Office site bill at this session is the difference of opinion over a proper site. the committee that the necessities of the New

Marshfield, Mass., Votes in Favor of License

and Then Fixes the Price. MARSHYIELD, Mass., March 7 .- The citizens of this town, once the home of Daniel Webster, apparently possess some of the humor for which the great statesman was noted. The municipality has only about 500 voters and on election day, Monday, the majority of those who cast their ballots on the license question voted "yes" for the first time in the history of Marshifeld. After the result of the count had been announced one of the town-meeting orators arose and proposed that \$5,000 be appropriated to maintain order, in view of the riotous times which he predicted would result from the sale of liquor. The motion was passed, but not until some practical joker had male an amendment that only \$500 be taken from the town funds, and that the other \$4.500 be taken from the propage realizations the propage realizations. from the money realized from the sale of licenses and that the price of each license be \$1,000,000.

SUFFERING FROM HICCOUGHS.

Charles M. Davis, Superintendent of Bayonne's Schools, Very Weak.

Charles M. Davis, City Superintendent of the Bayonne public schools and formerly Superintendent of Public Instruction for Essex county, N. J., is suffering at his home, 766 Avenue A. Bayonne, from a prolonged attack of hiccoughs. The spasms began last Wednesday night and prostrated the victim the following day. They have continued intermittently ing day. They have continued intermittently and Mr. Davis is precariously weak. Some relief has been afforded by the efforts of City Physician A. C. Forman and two local physicians whom he called into consultation. Because of the victim's advanced age it is feared that he may not recover, notwithstanding his robust constitution. Yesterday the patient was able to partake of light nourishment and obtain some much needed sleep.

HAZED IN THE STREET.

a Very Hot Drink.

A student of Columbia University was hazed last night in West 125th street. The victim wore his shirt outside his overcoat. He was followed by a crowd of 150 students who forced him to occasionally kneel down ting their positions. day prints prominently an article on what it | end kiss the curbstone. When the proend kiss the curbstone. When the proression reached a cigar store the victim
was forced to kiss the wooden Indian.
The procession finally went to the drug store
at 125th street and Eighth avenue and there
a very hot drink was prepared. Before the
victim could drink it a poleoman interfered
and was about to arrest him when the other
students got around the bluecoat and hustled
him out of the store. The victim escaped.

EX-GOV. MOSES ARRESTED.

Former South Carolina Politician Charged With Stealing Money.

Boston, March 7.-Franklin J. Moses, an ex Governor of South Carolina, wao, thirty years ago, was one of most talked-of politicians of the | the enemy. The expert takes comfort by de-South, appeared in the District Court at East Boston to-day, charged with larceny, Mr. Moses has been a resident of Winthrop for the past eight years. It is due to his activity durons teight years. Its due to an activity dur-ing the last municipal campaign that he was in court to-day. The charge against him is that he misappropriated money that was put into his hands to give some one else. The com-plainant in the case is Edward Thirston, who managed the campaign of one of the success-ful candidates. A hearing is set for Saturday morning. morning.

PREACHER AS CO-RESPONDENT.

The Rev. Thomas J. Mackay of Norfolk Va., Accused in Divorce Proceedings. NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 7.-The Rev. Thomas J. Mackay, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was named as co-respondent

to-day in a suit for divorce instituted by B. G. Blythe, a merchant, against his wife. vited the students to suggest names of emi- Carrie M. Blythe. He alleges adultery over a period of three years and refers to several corespondents, but names only one, the Baptist preacher. Several months ago Mrs. Blythe publicly accused the preacher of being intimate with her. He denied the charges, and the enurch and association of ministers took up the matter. The former acquitted their pastor. The latter did not go so far, but held that the charges had not been proved. charges had not been proved. Child Arrested on a Fortune Tellers' Say-so

Mrs. Mary Landowski of 38 Sussex street. Jersey City, missed \$15 from a bureau drawer teller in the neighborhoods The seeress shuffiel a tack of cards and informed Mrs. Lanfied a tack of cards and informed Mrs. Landowski that the money was stolen by a young, light-haired girl. The description, so far as it went, fitted Mary Sandolski, an eight-year-old girl who lives in the same nouse as Mrs. Landowski's complaint. At the examination in the First Criminal Court yesterday the child denied that she hal taken the morey, and as there was no evidence against her Police Justice Nevin threw the case out of court.

Whipped for Not Supporting Their Mother. INDIANAPOLIS, March 7 .- About twenty-five masked men went to the house of Mrs. Hughes, a widow of Danvil'e, last night, broke flughes, a widow of Danville, last night, broke open the door and dragged her two sons, Otis and Edward, out of bed. Taking them to a woodland near the town the mengave them a feating with long blacksnake whips. The grievance against the young men was that they would not work to support their mother hot hay they recognized some of the persons of the night.

in the mob \$10,000 a Year for Liliuokalani.

WASHINGTON, March 7.-The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has recommended the incorporation in the Diplomatic and Consular compration in the Diplomatic and Consideration bill of an amendment provid-for the payment of \$20,000 to Liliuokaine. Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, and that 1000 per year be paid her during her life-ien relinquishment of her claims against

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BOER FORCES IN RETRE**AT**,

GEN. FRENCH'S CAVILRY TURNS THE ENEMY'S LEFT FLANK.

Drives Them Out of Well-Made Trenches at Osfontein With Little Loss-Gen. Roberts Reports the Movement a Complete Success-Boer Communication With Bloemfontein Threatened-Gen. Buller's Advance in Natal Believed to Be Only & Reconnoissance-The Rebellion of the Dutch Spreads in Western Cape Colony.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 7.-Gen. Roberts's cavalry under Gen. French have repeated the tactics which drove Gen. Cronje from Magersfontein. compelling Commandants De Wet and Delarev to withdraw the Boer army which had intrenched itself opposite the British at Osfontein.

The War Office received the following des-

patch from Gen. Roberts this afternoon, "OSFONTEIN, March 7, 4:30 P. M.-Our operations to-day promise to be a great suc-

"The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of Modder River. I placed Colville's Division, the Ninth, to the north and Kelly-Kenny's, the Sixth, and Tucker's divisions, the Seventh, with the cavalry

to the south. "The cavalry succeeded in turning the enemy's left flank and opening a road for the Sixth Division which is advancing and has LIQUOR LICENSES, \$1,000,000 EACH. | not been obliged to fire a shot up to the present

time. "The enemy are in full retreat northward and eastward. The cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry are closely following them. while Tucker's and Colville's divisions and the Guards brigade are making their way across the river at Poplars Drift where I propose to make my headquarters this evening.

"I trust our casualties are few.

"The enemy were quite unprepared for the attack by flank threatening their communications with Bloemfontein."

Later this despatch was received:

"POPLAR GROVE, March 7, 7:35 P. M.-We have had a very successful day. We have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat. The position they occupied was extremely strong and cunningly arranged, with a second line of intrenchments, which would have caused us heavy loss had a direct attack been made.

"The turning movement was necessarily wide, owing to the nature of the ground, and the cavalry and artillery horses are much done up. The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well.

"Gen. French reports that the horse artillery did great execution on the enemy, who were commanded by De Wet and Delarey. Our

easualties were fifty. "Gen. Roberts gives the names of an officer who was killed and two who were severely

wounded. The only detail that can be added to Gen. that the Boers abandoned one gun, immense quantities of forage and a large number of tents. Gen. French's mounted troops are stated to be pursuing the enemy, and the Boors north of the Modder River are evacua-

There is nothing to indicate the purpose of Gen. Roberts's operation or whether that purpose was effected by the precipitate retreat of the enemy. If his intention was to surround the Boers it obviously failed. If it was merely to cut their communications with Bloemfontein it has so far succeeded, but the Boer arms

escaped. Speculation in the absence of further information is of little use, but the result of the day's work does not wholly eatisfy the critica here. The military expert of the Morning Post declares that the result is most disappointing. A good General, he says, is not satisfied with an enemy's retreat. He wishes to destroy deing from the haste with which the Boers bolted when their flank was menaced that recent events have apparently demoralized

There is no official information regarding Gen. Buller's position or movements. His reported advance in the direction of Harrismith appears to be merely a reconnoissance, which did not ascend the eastern slopes of the Drakensherg Mountains. It would be premature to assume that he intends to try to force the passes into the Orange Free State, The only news from the Dordrecht neighbor

7. in which it is reported that the British main column is moving forward with the view to taking a position to the north of that from which Gen. Brabent drove the Boers. The Colesberg column has been largely re-

hood is contained in a despatch dated March

enforced. Its advanced positions are some miles beyond Achtertang, but it has apparently not been engaged since March 3. The report that Gen. Kitchener visited Arun-

del before the Boer retreat northward began is confirmed. His visit and the news of the British successes had the effect of dispelling the despondency that was affecting the troops in the district in consequence of their inability to make headway. The newspapers print a headline, "The Transvaal Invaded," but the crossing of the

border by Prendergast's small isolated column in her room on Tuesday, and, being unable to does not seem to be an operation of any imfin I any trace of it, consulted a female fortune | portance and the object is not understood here. A despatch to the Daily News from Lorenze Marques reports that 5,000 Kaffirs are employed in building trenches around Pretoria. A Kimberley correspondent records a conversation with a Transvaal Boer who was captured at Paardeberg. According to this prisoner Gen. Cronjo's losses were 87 killed and

pared with Comman lant-tieneral Joubert. BOERS AS DETERMINED AS EVER. Pretoria Not Discouraged by Cronje's Sun

163 wounded. The Boar had a poor opinion of

Gen. Cronje, whom he described as a mite com-

render-Only One Part of the War Ended. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN's Correspondent at Pretoria PRETORIA, March 2, 4:40 P. M., via Lorenzo Marques, March 5.-A report that reached here a short time ago to the effect that Gen. Cronje, commanding the federal forces on the western rentier of the Orange Free State, has surrep.

dered to Gen. Roberts has just been officially onfirmed. The news has caused much regret, but it has also renewed the patriotic ardor of the Boers. who are high in their praise of the gallant dofance made by Gen. Cronje in the face of greatly superior numbers. The reverse leaves the burghers as determined as ever, and the Govmment and people are united to resist as long

The news of Gen. Cronje's surrender caused Commandant-General Joubert to raise the siege of La lyemith.

as they have life.

The Volksstem says that the real war is only